

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
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COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
GLOBAL PLUS 4 CONTRACTS
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENTS

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GLOBAL PLUS 4 CONTRACTS (MC2018-150)
NEGOTIATED SERVICES AGREEMENT

Docket Nos.
MC2018-150
CP2018-216

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 4709
(August 10, 2018)

On July 12, 2018, the Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 4709 approving the Global Plus 4 product. In that order, the Commission noted that “consideration of whether CeP [Commercial ePacket] should instead be added to a product list as its own product is beyond the scope of this docket.” The Commission stated that “[t]o enable the Commission to consider how best to describe CeP in the MCS,” the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) should file, within 30 days of the issuance of Order No. 4709, a request to add CeP to either the market dominant or the competitive product list of the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS).¹

The Postal Service has carefully reviewed the Commission’s request and proposes the following concerning how best to describe CeP in the MCS.²

¹ PRC Order No. 4709, Order Adding Global Plus 4 to the Competitive Product List and Designating Baseline Agreement, Docket Nos. MC2018-150 and CP2018-216, July 12, 2018, at 9.

² To the extent that the Commission’s order can be interpreted to require the Postal Service to file a request to add CeP to the market dominant or the competitive product list of the MCS, the Postal Service would request that the Commission consider this response to be a Motion for Partial Reconsideration. Although the Postal Service did draft language for a CeP entry in the MCS in response to a Chairman’s Information Request in this docket, the Postal Service would prefer to amend the existing MCS language for the reasons stated in this Response.

Because CeP is only available through international negotiated service agreements, creating an additional product section for CeP does not appear to be necessary. Also, CeP is not selected in lieu of either IPA or FCPIS published rate services; instead it is selected as an option for two existing international negotiated service agreement products: Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) Contracts, which is the subject of MCS section 2510.3, and Global Plus Contracts, which is the subject of MCS section 2510.6. Thus, CeP is an optional service within the scope of international negotiated service agreements, but is not available as a stand-alone published rate service.

Thus, the Postal Service recommends that minor clarification changes be made in MCS section 2510.3, which concerns Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) Contracts, and MCS section 2510.6, which concerns Global Plus Contracts, in accordance with the attached proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule, included as Attachment 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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2510.3 Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) Contracts

2510.3.1 Description

f. CeP is a commercial service designed for volume shipments of outbound international letter post packet items (destined for delivery to certain destinations outside of the United States) that are subject to the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention of the Universal Postal Union. Individual item tracking is provided. CeP pieces are sealed against inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law. CeP pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed are entitled to be forwarded or returned to the sender.

2510.3.2 Size and Weight Limitations

*First-Class Package International Service &
Commercial E-Packet Service*

Packages (Small Packets)

	Length	Height	Thickness	Weight
Minimum	Large enough to accommodate postage, address, and other required elements on the address side			none
Maximum	24 inches			4 pounds for <u>FCPIS</u>
	Length plus height plus thickness of 36 inches			<u>4.4 pounds for CeP</u>

Rolls

	Length	Length plus twice the diameter	Weight ¹
Minimum	4 inches	6.75 inches	none
Maximum	36 inches	42 inches	4 pounds for <u>FCPIS</u> <u>4.4 pounds for CeP</u>

Notes

1. Country-specific restrictions apply as specified in the International Mail Manual.

2510.3.4 Price Categories

- GEPS – Commercial ePacket
 - Price Groups 1-15

2510.3.5 Optional Features

- Delivery Tracking
 - Offered with FCPIS to certain destinations as ~~Commercial ePacket Service~~ or Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation® International.

2510.6 Global Plus Contracts

2510.6.1 Description

- g. CeP is a commercial service designed for volume shipments of outbound international letter post packet items (destined for delivery to certain destinations outside of the United States) that are subject to the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention of the Universal Postal Union. Individual item tracking is provided. CeP pieces are sealed against inspection and shall not be opened except as authorized by law. CeP pieces that are undeliverable-as-addressed are entitled to be forwarded or returned to the sender.

2510.6.4 Price Categories

- Global Plus – CeP
 - Price Groups 1-15

2510.6.5 Optional Features

- ~~For IPA, optional features may include Commercial ePacket service, which is a delivery confirmation with scanning service available for IPA items to certain destinations.~~